

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2008-376-C - ORDER NO. 2008-736

OCTOBER 28, 2008

IN RE: Petition for Approval of Cricket	)	ORDER GRANTING
Communications, Inc.'s Adoption of the	)	MOTION TO HOLD
Interconnection Agreement between Sprint	)	DOCKET IN ABEYANCE
Communications Company L.P., Sprint	)	
Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS and	)	
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a	)	
AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T	)	
Southeast	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Joint Motion to Hold Docket in Abeyance filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T") and Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket") to hold Docket No. 2008-376-C pending the outcome of the interconnection agreement adoption proceedings presently before this Commission between AT&T and Nextel South Corp. and Nextel Partners (collectively "Nextel") in consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C, or until the end of 2008, whichever occurs first.

On October 1, 2008, Cricket filed a petition for approval of adoption of the AT&T/Sprint interconnection agreement, which is the same agreement that Nextel seeks to adopt in consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C. According to AT&T and Cricket, the outcome in the consolidated dockets will therefore provide guidance to the parties to this docket and could even be dispositive of some or all of the issues

associated with the present proceeding. AT&T and Cricket assert that administrative and judicial economy will be well served and resources appropriately conserved by holding this proceeding in abeyance pending resolution of the AT&T/Nextel consolidated dockets. If a final decision is issued prior to January 1, 2009, AT&T and Cricket request the Commission hold this docket in abeyance pending expiration of the 20-day post-order period for filing a motion for reconsideration, or if a motion for reconsideration is filed, 20 days after issuance of a final order on reconsideration in the consolidated dockets. If the Commission does not render a decision in the consolidated dockets prior to the end of 2008, AT&T and Cricket wish to reserve their rights to move forward with Docket No. 2008-376-C and seek to have the Commission restore the docket to active status. AT&T and Cricket advise that the Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the joint motion of AT&T and Cricket.

We have examined the matters in this proceeding and hereby grant the joint motion of AT&T and Cricket. Docket No. 2008-376-C shall be held in abeyance pending the final outcome of consolidated Docket Nos. 2007-255-C and 2007-256-C. Should resolution not be reached before January 1, 2009, we hereby grant AT&T and Cricket leave to proceed with this case.

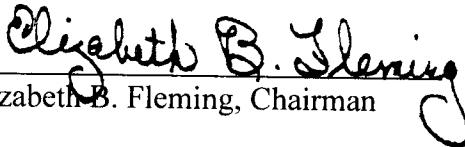
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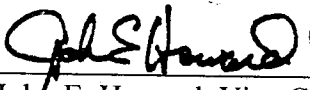
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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